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FOR

THE MEMBERS

OF

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

IN

PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA

PREPARED BY THE PRESENT PASTOR,
AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SESSION.

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob."—Ps. 87: 2.

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy."—Ps 137: 5, 6.

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N. B. It is requested that all errors and omissions noticed in this Manual, may be reported to the Session of the Church.

R. E. denotes Ruling Elder—D. Deacon—H. husband—W. wife—Wid. widow—S. and G. S. son and grandson—D. and G. D. daughter and granddaughter—B. brother—Sis. sister—C. cousin—D. died—Dis. dismissed—R. removed—A blank (—) signifies that the name of a person stands opposite the number in the record, who ceased to be a communicant in this Church. The names of those who were received from other Churches, are, so far as known, printed in *Italics*.

A BRIEF HISTORY
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
IN PETERSBURG.*

So far as is known, the Rev. Samuel Davies, was the first Presbyterian Minister, who ever preached in Petersburg. This was about the year 1750.† Few

*The land on which the Town of Petersburg now stands, was first settled and possessed, by Peter and Thomas Jones, the forefathers of most of the families of that name, now so numerous in Virginia. Peter Jones opened a trading establishment with the Indians, a few rods west of what is now the junction of Sycamore and Old Streets. This position for trade was called "Peter's Point," subsequently changed to Petersburg.

†In the blank leaf of the Bible, which President Davies used, and which is now in possession of the "Cottage" family near this Town, are the following entries in his own hand writing:

"Samuel Davies, born in New Castle County, Pennsylvania, Nov. 3, 1723. Licensed to preach, July 30, 1746. Ordained by the Presbytery of New Castle, February 19, 1746-7. Settled in Hanover, Virginia, May, 1748. Sailed for England from Philadelphia, November 16, 1753; returned to Virginia, February 13, 1755."

Added by his eldest son:—"Removed from our world, February 4, 1761; aged 37 years, 3 months, 1 day."

persons would consent to hear him ; as prejudice ran high against every thing decidedly evangelical. He was popularly called a “new light,” and preached but a few times.

“In 1755 the Presbytery of Hanover was organized, with six ministers—viz : Messrs. Samuel Davies, John Todd, Alexander Craghead, Robert Henry, John Wright and John Brown. There was then no Presbytery South or West of Virginia.”

After the organization of the Presbytery, there was still no stated preaching, by the Presbyterians in Petersburg ; until more than a tenth of the present century, had passed away. Occasionally, however, a Minister passing through the country, called and preached a few times.

“In the summer of 1812, the Rev. Benjamin Holt Rice, (now, Rev. B. H. Rice, D. D.) a native of Virginia—having laboured for a short time as a missionary, in the suburbs of Philadelphia, was returning Southwardly, with a missionary commission from the General Assembly’s Board, to seek a field of labour, and determined to select that where there seemed to be the best prospect of building up a Church. Whilst travelling in the stage, it was powerfully impressed on his mind, that Petersburg, a town which he had rarely, if ever visited, was the place where he could most effectually serve his master in the ministry. He immediately determined to spend the coming winter in this Town, and make a full experiment of the practicability of his gathering here a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. During the summer of that year, he visited the Town for a few days, preached once or oftener, and won the affectionate regard of all with whom he became acquainted. Towards the close of the year, his stated labours commenced. At that time

there were in his congregation but two members of the Church; and probably at no previous period, since the foundation of the town, had many more resided in it at one time. Religion was at a low ebb in the town and neighbourhood. The number of communicants in any Christian Church, was small, and the number of regular attendants upon public worship, by no means considerable. The habits of the people, were such as might have been expected under these circumstances. Whilst the worship of God was neglected, fashionable amusements were followed with great avidity. Even among those who were the more moral, and respectable members of society, the Sabbath was the great day of visiting and feasting.—Card-playing, horse racing, the theatre and the ball-room—engaged the affections of those hearts, into which the love of a crucified Saviour had never entered. Under these circumstances, Mr. Rice commenced his labours here, by preaching sometimes in a large unfinished store-house on Bank Street, occupied by Mr. John Gowan; who, though not then, nor during the ensuing fourteen years, a pious man; yet from the effect of early education, felt a strong interest in the prosperity of the Presbyterian Church.‡ Some were led from love of novelty, some from a desire to receive sound religious instruction, and some from their admiration of Mr. Rice's talents, to listen to his preaching. Soon the word as dispensed by him, was found by some of his hearers to be quick and powerful, and sharper than a two-edged sword. The word of God began to take root, and precious fruit was in a short time borne. By the close of 1813, Mr. Rice was enabled to orgazine a Church of about twenty members, who unanimously chose him as their

‡This house has since been burned down.

pastor; into which office he was installed by the Presbytery of Hanover, at their Spring meeting, in the year 1814. The Presbyterian Church being at that time, little known in this whole region, Mr. Rice thought it expedient, (with the concurrence of his session,) to introduce a practice, which has been since abandoned. Some persons who in his opinion, formed from conversing with them, and observing their conduct, gave good evidence of genuine personal piety, and who preferred attending the worship of God with the Presbyterian Congregation, but from mistaken scruples, judged it improper to become members of the Church, were admitted to the Lord's supper, without having their names enrolled on the register of names. Of these some had before communed in other churches—but the residue had not. Of these persons, the only survivor, in 1827, became in form, as he had previously been in substance—a member of the Church. And all the others continued till death, to make a credible profession of Religion; and were as diligent in their attendance on the stated worship of the Church; and as zealous in their support of its interests as their brethren. Those of them, who had infant children, brought them to the Church to be baptized, and such of their children, as have professed religion in this neighborhood, became members of this Church; and consider it, the Church of their fathers, as well as of themselves.”

“The infant Church, from the period of its organization, until the year 1821, continued to grow and thrive as a vine planted in the garden of the Lord, by his own right hand. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered every two months; and it is believed that on every such occasion, new members were received; but about this time, a considerable

decline in spirituality and zeal, manifested itself in the Church; and additions to its numbers became more rare. Yet even at that moment of darkness, the glory of the Lord was about to rise upon this Church. Some young men, most of whom were attendants on Mr. Rice's ministry, though scarcely any of them were members of the Church, resolved to form a domestic missionary society. May we not say the Lord put it into their hearts! They engaged as their missionary during the winter of 1821-22, the Rev. Peter Lockwood, who opened a place for week evening lectures, which during the few months that he continued in Petersburg, were well attended, especially by young men."

"About the time of Mr. Lockwood's departure, a deepening seriousness began to manifest itself in the Church. The Spirit of Grace, and of supplications, was imparted. The pastor, always bold, and faithful, and zealous—preached with increased power and unction. He prevailed on a number of unconverted members of his congregation, to accompany him to a meeting of the Presbytery at Hampden Sidney College Church. There the Lord poured out the Holy Spirit, and blessed the labours of Mr. Rice, to those members of his own congregation, and to many persons in the neighborhood of the College. His young people returned home, some of them rejoicing in hope—others earnestly seeking salvation. The work gradually spread through the congregation; and after a time, reached to many who were not in the beginning attendants on Mr. Rice's ministry. The Methodist Church shared largely in the heavenly gift; and some valuable additions were made to the Episcopal communion. Such a scene had never been witnessed in Petersburg. Despisers beheld and won-

dered ; and infidelity itself, was almost constrained to cry out :—“Surely God is in this place.” The work of conversion continued, till towards the close of the year, and the number added to the Church was seventy-nine, of whom thirty-six were males, including in the number most of the members of the missionary society. It is believed that of these, and of their brethren admitted to the Church in subsequent seasons of refreshing, their christian character has upon the whole, about equalled that of their brethren, who united themselves with this Church under other circumstances. There is nothing in the faith or practice of different classes of the members of this Church, by which those who are the fruits of a revival can be distinguished from their brethren. For many months, the Church walked in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost and was edified.”

“Soon after this revival, measures were taken for the erection of a larger and more comfortable house of worship, and in October, 1823, it was finished ; so that the Synod of Virginia, at their meeting in that year occupied it. This is the house now known and used as the Presbyterian Church.”

“In 1824, there was a little shower of refreshing, and twenty-three members were added to the Church. In this work the Rev. Robert Roy was very useful ; Mr. Rice’s health at the time being very bad.”

The year 1826 is painfully memorable in these annals, as the only one, in which not one member was added to the Church. Yet in the autumn of this year, it became manifest, that the meetings of the Church for prayer, gradually became more crowded ; and the petitions of those who led the devotions of their brethren, were more earnest—and of course less formal. A deeper solemnity pervaded their public, and

social assemblies for worship ; and their pastor seemed to preach with unwonted power. These indications that the Lord was drawing nigh, re-acted on the hearts of the people ; and they earnestly prayed and humbly waited, for a still more marked out-pouring of the Spirit.

“In the early months of ’27, a few persons united themselves with the Church, and the revival seemed to spread and deepen until, during the spring meeting of Hanover Presbytery, held in this Town, the Holy Spirit seemed to be copiously poured out ;—and the work continued till the autumn of that year. During this season there were added to the Church fifty-two, of whom seven were males.”

During the autumn of 1829, the Rev. B. H. Rice, accepted a call to the Presbyterian Church, in Pearl Street, New-York. Many a sigh, and many a tear, proved the regret felt on this occasion. He might to most of the members of the Church, have said as Paul to the Corinthians : “ Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers, for I have begotten you in the gospel.” Yet the resolutions passed in session on the occasion, were such as shewed a spirit of submission to the divine will. He “on whose shoulders is the government” not only calls and qualifies his ministers, but also designates the field of their labors. Such designation seemed to point to another field.

In December of the same year, the session employed Mr. John R. Royall, as a stated supply for three months. At the expiration of his time, Mr. Royall left.

In April 1830, the Rev. John D. Annan, late professor in Miami University, was invited by the session to supply the pulpit ; and, his labours giving gene-

ral satisfaction, he received a unanimous call from the Church to become their pastor; and in the month of July following was installed. Sermon by the Rev. S. K. Kollock, on 1 Thess. 5: 25—charge to the people by the Rev. Wm. J. Armstrong—charge to the pastor by the Rev. J. Silliman.

But God had a plan far different from that fondly cherished by the people. In July, his health became very bad, and he determined on visiting the Virginia Springs. He went, but he never returned. Some of his Petersburg friends were permitted to attend him in his last illness, and witness his departure.

His end was calm and peaceful. His confidence in the merits of that Saviour, whom it was his delight to preach, was strong and unwavering. He died at Greenbrier Bridge, and is interred in the burying ground, connected with the Presbyterian Church in Newburg. His friends have taken pleasure in contributing to the erection of a suitable marble monument over his grave.

The death of Mr. Annan, was deeply felt by this Church. Although he had been but a short time among them, his friends were many and ardent.

From the death of Mr. Annan, the pulpit was not regularly supplied, until it was occupied by the present pastor; who received an invitation from the session to spend six months, as a stated supply, and who preached for the first time, on the 1st Sabbath in October 1830. On the 10th of March following, a unanimous call was given him by the Church, and in July following, he was installed. Sermon and charge to the pastor, by the Rev. William J. Armstrong—charge to the people, by the Rev. A. Converse,

OUR CHURCH IN PETERSBURG.

Howe's "Sketches of Virginia" mentions the tradition that Samuel Davies preached at Peter's Point as early as 1750. But the Presbyterian Church was gathered there by the Rev. Benjamin H. Rice, D. D., a younger brother of Dr. John Holt Rice, of Richmond, in 1812. After Dr. Rice, the church had the ministry of John E. Annan, William S. Plumer, E. C. Hutchinson, S. J. Love, John Leyburn, A. B. Van Zandt, A. W. Miller, and the beloved and lamented William J. Hoge. For some of the later months of the war, Dr. R. L. Dabney preached in Tabb Street church, and he was followed by the Rev. L. C. Vass. Since those days there has come the notable pastoral succession of Dr. E. H. Rutherford, Dr. T. D. Witherspoon, Dr. R. P. Kerr, and the present efficient pastor, Dr. J. W. Rosebro. If there were giants in those days, who shall say that these are not worthy sons of the giants? Where is there a church in the land that has echoed nobler and more faithful preaching of the word for fifty years than old Tabb street? There ought to be a generation of mighty good people in Petersburg to greet us this fall. The Second church was well filled

by the voice of Dr. Theodoric Pryor, who was followed by the Rev. John Miller, now of Princeton, by Dr. George L. Petrie, now of Charlottesville, and by the present faithful servant of God, the Rev. S. K. Winn.

The Old Street church, now under the pastorate of Rev. F. L. Kurtz, is a newer but a hopeful and growing enterprise.



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NO.	MINISTER'S NAMES.	SETLED.	SABB'HS. PER MONTH.	REMOVED BY DEATH OR DISMISSON.	23d Oct. 1829, * connexion dissolved.	4 months	OVER THIS CHURCH.
							16 years.
1	Rev. Benjamin H. Rice,	about the close of 1813.	all				
2	" John E. Annan,	12th April, 1830.	all				
3	" William S. Plumer,	10th March, 1831.	all				

BUTTINGFIELD

NO.	NAMES.	RECEIVED.	ORDINATION.	RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL.
1	Wm. Baird,			
2	John Gordan,			Dism'd. Ap. 1825. r
3	Benj. Harrison,			do April, 1826. r
4	Francis Follet,			
5	Jas. Armstrong,			March, 1827.
6	Robert Ritchie,			ccas'd to act, 1822.
7	Joseph Thayer,			dism'd Nov. 1824.
8	W. M. Atkinson,			Son of Robert.
9	A. S. Holderby,			
10	Abel Head,			Aug. 1822. 9th May, 1824.
11	Hugh Nelson,			July, 1822. 9th May, 1824.
				do 1822. 24th April, 1825.
				Aug. 1822. 24th April, 1825.
No means of ascertaining from the Books when these were ordained, but it was in 1813.				

DEACONSS.

NO.	NAMES.	ORDAINED.	RESIGNATION OR REMOVAL.	REMARKS.
1	William Nisbet,	July, 1822.	20th April, 1827.	Dismissed, r
2	Charles Holt, Jr.	do. 1822.	20th do 1827.	Nov. 1829. do. May, r
3	Thomas Shore,		1819.	1829.
4	Harry B. Gaines,		August, 1822.	
5	A. G. McIlwaine,	do.	1822.	11th Aug,

MEMBERS

NO.	NAMES.	REMARKS.	IN DE-	REMOVED BY
			THE MINIS- TRY OF	DEATH OR DISMISSION.
1				
2	Jane Clark,		W. of William, Jr, 1813.	
3				
4	Jane H. Baird,		W. of W. (E.)	
5	Jane P. Osborne,		W. of John,	
6	Ann Harrison,		W. of B. H. (E.)	
7	Mary Ann Gray,			
8	Elizabeth Knox,			
9	Jannett McLean,			
10	Ann Shore,			
11	Ann Eliza Batte,			
12	Mary Ritchie,			
13	Edmund Parish,			
14	Nancy Parish,			

D. Decemb. 1822.

Rev. Benjamin H. Rice.

Dis'd. April, 1816.
R. to Church in Not.
Dis. June 19, 1832.

15	Nancy Ferguson,	Wid.	
16	Jane Stewart,	W. of Joshua,	
17	Jane Poythress,	W. of W. B. S. to P. P. B.	
18	Martha C. Batte, (Bitchie)	W. of Saml. do.	D. 1815.
19	Mary Hinton,	W. of John, (E.)	do. Oct. 21, 1822.
20	Mary Gordon,	S. to above.	D.
21	Frances Smith,		Dis. April 1816.
22	Betsy Ragsdale,		R.
23	Alice Hill,	W. of Wm.	
24	Sarah Davis,		
25	John Rose,	W. Charles.	D. Aug. 1825.
26	Caroline Adoue, (Rogers)	W. of Theodore.	D. 1818.
27	Eliza H. Trezzvant,	W. of Robt. S. to Dr. Bott.	D. May, 1820.
28	Louisa Spotswood,	W. of James, [E.]	D. 1816.
29	Nancy Armstrong,		
30	Elizabeth Gordon,		
31	Mary C. Drinkard,	Wid.	D. July, 1818.
32	Ann Debum,	Wid.	D. Aug. 1824.
33	John B. Bott, M. D.		
34	Susan C. Bott,	W. of J. B. B.	D. May, 1818.
35	Elizabeth Burge,	W. of Drury.	

MEMBERS—*Continued.*

36	Mary Burton,	Wid.	D. November, 1822.
37	Elizabeth Bailey,	S. to Mary Burton,	D. July 25, 1831.
38	Martha A. Rice,	W. of Rev. B. H. Rice,	R. to N. Y. 1829.
39	E. Sommerville,	Wid. of John,	
40	Jane Boissieu,	W. of James,	D. February, 1827.
41	Rebecca Pearce,	Wid. of Baldwin,	D. January, 1830.
42	Mildred Wills,	W. of E. Wills,	Dismissed, 1826.
43	Nancy G. Watkins,	W. of Edward,	
44	Polly Hodges,	W. of John	D. May, 1818.
45	Fanny Pollard,	Wid.	D. 1817.
46	Hannah Hannon,	W. of Wm. C.	
47	Mrs. Mary Boswell,	W. of R. F.	
48	Elizabeth Hannon,		
49	John W. Campbell,		
50	Mildred W. Campbell,	W. of J. W.	
51	Sally C. Mackenzie,	W. of D. S. to B. Harrison	
52	Margaret Davis,		Dismissed, 1817.
53	John M. Alexander,		R

Rev. Benj. H. Rice.

54	Elizabeth Pescud,	W. of Edward,	D. 1819.
55	Nancy Robertson,	W. of William,	Dismissed, 1831.
56	Sally Spotswood (Whitlock)	W. of George W.	D. May, 1823.
57	Elizabeth Booth,		D. 1821.
58	Mrs. King,	Widow of Dr. King,	R. to Kentucky.
59	Mary P. Epps,	Wife of Daniel,	Dis. July, 1820.
60	Susan McFarlan,		
61			
62	John B. Read,		D. 1817.
63	Henry G. Bowers,	Wife of H. G.	Dis. Jan. 1830.
64	Mrs. L. Bowers,		D. July, 1825.
65	Harriet Whiting,		Dismissed, 1829.
66	Mary Harriet Shore,	W. of Thomas, (Deacon)	
67	Elizabeth Voinard (Fraser)	W. of J. H.	Dis. Oct. 6, 1832.
68	Anna D. Bolling,	W. of Robert,	D. May, 1828.
69	Ann R. Bolling, (Campbell)	W. of Rev. J. N. C.	Dis. March, 1819
70	Mary Lea,	W. of Vincent,	
71	Susan Voinard,	S. to Mrs. Fraser,	
72	Mrs. Badger,	Widow,	D. Dec. 24, 1828
73	Mary Fraser,	S. to Charles,	Dis'd. July, 1820
74	Jane Armstrong,		

MEMBERS—Continued.

75	Tabitha Zimmer,	W. of Lewis,	R	Dis. March, 1821.
76	Charlotte Harris,	W. of B. L. H.	R	D. August, 1819.
77	Mrs. Elizabeth Powell,	Wid: mother of Edward,	D. July 11, 1833.	Dismiss'd May, 1819
78	Mrs. Susan Lemoine,	Widow,		
79				
80	Amelia Plymert,			Dis. Nov. 1824.
81	Mary McDonald,			Dis. 1826.
82	Margaret Caldwell,			D. May, 1828.
83	Ann Lynch,	Wife of Peyton,		Dis. June, 1829.
84	Mrs. Susan Thayer,	Wife of Joseph, (E.)		Do.
85	John B. Ponsonby,	Son of Anne,		
86	Thomas B. Manlove,			
87	John Ritchie,	Brother to Robert,		
88	Helen Ritchie,	Wife of John,		
89	Jane J. Ponsonby,	Daughter of Anne,		
90	Nancy Russell,	Wid. Chas. Sis. P. P. B.		
91	John Donnan,			D. 1822.
92	Elizabeth Donnan,	Wife of John,		D. 1822.

93	Susan Cocke,	Wife of Walter T.	Dis. 1832, Ch. P. G.
94	Mrs. L. Parrish,	Wife of Talbot,	D. 11th April, 1828.
95	Elizabeth Cocke,	Widow,	D. October, 1830.
96	Nancy Manlove,	Wife of T. B.	Dismiss'd June, 1829.
97	Arabella Boswell,		Removed, 1820.
98	Sarah G. Jones,	Wid. J. C. J.	
99	Robert Shanks,	Wife of Robert	
100	Elizabeth Shanks,	Wife of S. P. P.	
101	Susan Poole,	Wife of Peyton,	D. Sept. 1822.
102	Martha Mason,		D. October, 1821.
103	Talbot Parrish,		D. 28th Jan. 1832.
104	Walter Spratley,		
105	William Scammel, Sr.		
106	Peyton S. Cocke,	Wife of F. J. M. (M. D.)	
107	Mary Ann Mettaeur,	Wife of John,	
108	Ann Ponsonby,	Wife of Archibald,	D. 29th April, 1829.
109	Rebecca Baugh,	Wife of George, (M. D.)	
110	Lucy Feild,	Sister of Ann,	
111	Elizabeth Ponsonby,		Dismiss'd June, 1852
112	Julia Edmunds,		
113	Mary Jones,	Wife of Christ. T.	

MEMBERS—Continued.

114	Mary Turner,	Wife of Samuel,		
115	Mary Boswell,	Daughter of William C.		
116	Armistead Burwell,		Dismissed, 1822.	
117	Mary Burwell,		do	do
118	Thomas Banks,	Wife of Colonel A. B.		
119	Margaret Banks,	W. T. S. to R. Ritchie,		
120	Jane B. Prior,	W. W. B. P. D. R. At'son,	Dis. April, 1826.	
121	Eliza R. Ponsonby,	Wife of John B.	D. June, 1821.	
122	Hannah W. Baker,			
123	Eliza M. Atkinson, (Page)	D. of Robert Atkinson,	Dis. 1823, to Winc'r.	
124	Edmund Davis,		Dis. June, 1829.	
125	Edward O. Goodwyn,		Dis. March, 1827.	
126	George Niven,	Wife of Samuel,	Dis. Jan. 1825.	
127	Mary Robbins,			
128	William Shippen, (M. D.)	Brother to Joseph,	Dis. Dec. 1825.	
129	Martin Thayer,	Brother of Joseph,		Murdered in street at
130	Sceva Thayer,	Widow,		Enight, Dec. 1825.
131	Selina Nichols,			

Rev. Benj. H. Rice.

132	Martha Nichols,	Daughter of Selina,	Removed, 1828.
133	Mary C Nichols (Holderby)	W. of A. S. Holderby, (L)	
134	James H. Pagaud,		
135	Ruth Pagaud,	Wife of J. H.	
136			
137	Sarah Stainback,	W. of L. E. Stamback,	D. April, 1824.
138	Sarah Mason,	Widow, July 13, 1832.	Dis. Nov. 1829.
139	Mary S. Voss, (Nisbet)	W. of Wm. (Deacon)	
140	Henry Smith,	Now Rev.	
141	William B. Ritchie,	Brother to Robert,	
142	Peter P. Barte,		Dis. June, 1829.
143	Henry Bourdon,		
144	Archibald G. McIlvaine,	(Deacon)	D. May, 1824.
145	Archibald Coeke,	3 August, 1822,	Dis. Ap. 1825,
146	Martha C. Maben, (Vick)		D. 29 Oct. 1828.
147	Susan C. Beasley,	Wife of Edwin,	
148	Margaret Hill,	Wife of Russel,	
149	Rebecca Shore, (Jones)	Wife of Ben,	
150	Jane J. Atkinson, (Minge)	D. of R. deceased,	
151	Elizabeth Russell, (Coeke)		Dis. 19 May, 1832.
152	Nancy Burton,	D. of Mary Burton,	

MEMBERS—Continued.

153	Sarah Cannon,	Sister of Mrs. J. Thayer,	Dis. Nov. 1824.
154	Mary Ann Atkinson,	Wife of John,	D. Oct. 1822.
155	Sarah D. Platt,		Dis. June, 1826.
156	John R. Spotswood,		Dis. 1826.
157	Richard E. Hannon,	Son of Mrs. Hannon,	
158	Andrew Ross,		Dis. 22 June, 1824.
159	Elisha Wales,		D. April, 1823.
160	Charles Fraser,	Brother of Mary,	D.
161	Francis J. Mettauer,	M. D. 3 August, 1822,	D.
162	Edward B. Harwood,	" " "	D. Dec. 1826.
163	James Putton,		R. to Mississippi.
164	John Wright Jones,		
165	Agnes Gaines,	W. of H. B. (Deacon) "	Dis. Jan. 1824.
166	Susan C. Read,		R.
167	Alexander McClelland,		
168	William Hyndman,	W. of J. D. H. 28 Aug.	
169	Ann Hare,	W. of S. D. D. " "	
170	Amelia Davies,		

171	Mary H. Emnes,	W. of John,	23
172	Eleanor C. Smith,	W. of Jonathan,	
173	Rebecca Hill,	Wife of Thomas W.	
174	Juliana Russin, (Couppland)	W. Carter C. d. G. R. dec'd	
175	Thomas H. Boswell,	Son of Mrs. B	
176	William P. Foster,	Licentiate.	
177	Aristides Smith,	D. Mrs. Ann W. Rev. R. B.	
178	M. A. Robertson, (Burwell)	W. Robt. S. Mrs. Hannon	
179	Sarah F. G. Simmons,	Sister to Mrs. Fraser,	
180	Paulina Voinard, (Jordan)	Mary C. Graham.	
181		Son of Benjamin, (E)	
182	Nathaniel Harrison,	Daughter of Ann,	
183	Nancy P. Ponsonby,	Sister to Mrs. Fraser,	
184	Otelia Voinard, (Butler)	D. Mrs. Knox, w. T. B. W.	
185	Eliz. T. Knox, (Walthall)	D. R. Atk, w. Phil. M.	
186	Caro'e E. Atkinson, (Mayo)	Dis. ch. Rich. 1823.	
187	Mary Pearce,	D. 1823.	
188	Samuel Robbins,	Dis. 19 May, 1832.	
189	Charles S. Russell,	Dis. March 22, 1830.	
190	Stith E. Burton,		
191	Nancy B. Harwood,	W. of W. B. H. 2 Sep. "	

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MEMBERS—Continued.

192	Elizabeth Calvin,	Widow,	Dis. 1826.
193	John Atkinson,	Son of Roger, 30 Nov.	
194	John Taliaferro,	Wife of John,	
195	Elizabeth Taliaferro,		Dis. April, 1825.
196	Jacob Mott Weaver,		D. June, 1827.
197	James Dunlop,		
198	David Dunlop,		D. Sept. 1831.
199	Elizabeth Davies,	G. D. Rev. Pres. Sam'l	
200	Rhoda Davidson,	Wife of William,	Dis. May, 1832, P;G,
201	Hannah Seward,	Widow,	
202	Rebecca B. Atkinson,	Wife W. M. Licentiate.	R. 1823.
203	Ann Eliza Spotswood,		Dis.
204	Thomas P. Atkinson,	M. D. Son of Roger,	Dis.
205	Mary Atkinson,	W. T.P. D. W. Baird(E)	Dis. Jan. 1826.
206	Phebe F. Head,	Wife of Abel, (E)	
207	—		
208	James Morgan,	19 April, 1823,	
209	Isabella Morgan,	Wife of James,	

210	William McIntyre,	W. Rev. H.S. April, 1823,	Lost G'st. Mex. 1826.
211	Jane Muir, (Smith)	" 1823,	Dis. 1828.
212	Hannah Long,	" "	Removed to Conn.
213	Mary R. Davies,	" "	
214	Thomas W. Merreweather,	24th October, "	Dis. June, 1824, Al'e.
215	Collier H. Minge,	" "	Dis. Nottoway Ch.
216	Robert Shore, M. D.	Brother to Thomas [D.]	Rem. to St. Louis.
217	Peggy Batte,	D. Mrs. Boswell, W. of T.	Dis. July, 1833.
218	Mary D. Harrison,	W. of Dr. N. March, 1824,	Rem. to Stafford.
219	Mrs. Jane Taylor,	W. of G.K. Taylor,	
220	John E. Lemoine,	Son of Mrs. L.	
221	Elizabeth Friend,	W. of Nathaniel,	
222	Mary Thayer,	Wife of Sceva,	
223	M. S. Bolling, (Slaughter)	March 1, "	
224	Jamnett Geddy, (Swan)	Wife of J. C.S. "	
225	Mary Burton, (Jordan)	D.Mrs.M.B.W. of M.J'n.	
226	Nancy Thayer,	" "	
227	Frances Pearce, (Stubbs)	S. Mary P.W. of J. H. S.	
228	Jane Nisbet, (Mahen)	S. to Wm. W. of D. M.	Dis. July, 1829.
229	H. M. H. Gray, (Clarke)	W. Robt. C. S. to Mary,	Dis. Feb. 1833.
230	John Perkinson,		

MEMBERS—Continued.

231	232	Catharine Morgan(Brander) Wite of Alexander, Lewis Zimmer, Polly Perkinson, Mary Stillman, Isabella Nisbet, Hannah Pitts, Sen.	July 3, 1824, Wife of John, 4th July, 4th Sept. Sister of William, December, Daughter of H. P. “	R. to Brunswick.
233	234	235	236	237
238	239	240	241	242
243	244	245	246	247
248				

249	Jane Pearce, [Holt]S.toM.	W.F.W. of C.[Dea.] 1826.	Dis. May, 1829.
250	Nancy Jones,	W. Aivay, Sept. 2, 1826,	
251	Mary S. Donnan,	W. of D. Dec. 2, 1826,	
252	Mary B. Lemoine,	W.J.E.L. " "	
253	Jannett Donnan,	Daughter of John,	
254	John Gowen,	Wid. of Jas. March, 1827,	
255	Christianna W. Geddy,		
256			
257	Almira D. Thayer,	Niece of Joseph,	1828.
258	Theresa W. Prichard,	Wife of John,	
259	Lucy Ann Woodcock,	" "	
260	Jane Donnan,	Daughter of John,	
261	Mary R. V. Gordon,	" "	
262	Frances Ann Prichard,	Daughter of John,	
263			
264	Abigail Booth,	W. of W.L.B. Ap. 1827,	
265	Martha McIlwaine,	W. of A. G.[Deacon]	
266	Anna K. Taylor, [Royall]	D.G.K.T'r, W.Rev.J.J.R	
267	Catherine M. Suit,	D.Mrs.Le'ne, W.P.Suit,	
268	Mary Dunn,	W. of Robt. March, 1827,	
269	Thomas Atkinson,	" "	

MEMBERS—Continued.

270	Mary T. Riddle,	W. James, April 28, 1827,	28	Dis. 1827.
271	Elizabeth Smith,	W. Edward, D. Geo. Cox,		
272	Anna Trippett,	Widow,		
273	Arabella Gilliam,			
274	Lucy S. Gilliam,	D. Jas. S.G. [dec'd] M.D.		
275	James Dwight,			
276	—	May 26, 1828,		
277	Lucy E. Prior,	D.R. Aton, W. Rev. T.P.		
278	I. L. Maitland, [Dunlop]	W. Jas. Jr. 26 May,		
279	Elizabeth M. Campbell,	Daughter of John W.		
280	Mary Ann Shore, [Archer]	Daughter of T. S. [Dea.]		
281	Susan Parrish,	Daughter of Edmund,		
282	Ann Donnan,	Student of Divinity,		
283	Leonidas L. Smith,	D. John, June 2, 1827,		
284	Eliza H. Allison,	W. of James,		
285	Frances L. Robertson,	—		
286	—	Dis. 1833.		
287	George McCulloch,	Dis. Nov. 1829.		

288	Agnes Atkinson, [Burwell]	D. Robt. W. G. H. B.	Dis. Nov. 1829.
289	Edward Voss,	Brother to Mrs. Nisbet,	Dis. Sept. 1828.
290	Ann F. Bolling,	D. J. S. G. M. D. [d] W. J. P. B.	Dis. June, 1828.
291	Francis C. Eppes,	June 30, 1827,	do. do.
292	Martha E. Campbell,	" "	do. do.
293	Mary Jane Campbell,	" "	do. do.
294	Eliz. B. Jones, [Eppes]	W. Eppes, N.Y., June, 1827	Rev. Benj. H. Rice.
295	Virginia R. Lownes,	D. of Mrs. A. W. L. "	
296	Frances Robertson,	Goose Island, "	
297	Mary E. Hanson,	" "	
298	Susan C. Robertson,	Daughter of Mrs. Ann,	
299	Harriet E. Shore,	Daughter of T. S. [Dea]	
300	Jane Strachan,	D. A. G. S. dec. M. D.	
301	Virginia Suit,	D. of Catharine M.	
302	Mary Eliza Blunt, [Pect]	D. Dr. B.	
303	Anna M. Minge, [Dunlop]	S. C. H. M. M. d. D. D. 1827	
304	Esther Stillman,	Wid. Sept. 1, "	
305	Mary A. Morton,	W. S. D. certif. Nov. "	
306	Rebecca P. Strachan,	W. J. B. S. dec. M. D. 1828	
307	Lewis Comtesse Bouldin,	" "	
308	Laura M. Boswell,	W. T. H. B. March 1, "	

D. Feb. 1829.

MEMBERS—Continued.

309	Mary Park Pomedexter,	April 5, "				
310	Martha Caroline Robertson,	Goose Isl.	June 3, "			
311	Elizabeth H. M. Mason,	W. Joseph, July 27, 1828,	Dis. Sep. 1828.			
312	James H. Stubbs,	" 26, "				
313	Thomas Moore,	" "				
314	Martia Davis,	G.D. Rev. P.D. 1 Nov.				
315	Amelia Davis,	Daughter of above,				
316	Elizabeth Bond,	W. T. B. B. Dec. 5, 1828,				
317	Mary Elizabeth Prichard,	D. John, 3 Jan. 1829,				
318	Sarah Woodward,	Wid. April 4, "				
319	Murtha Aylett, [Duncan]	W. Capt. D. U. S. N. 1829,				
320	Daniel B. Connet,	July 3, "				
321	Ann Archer,	Wid. Col. E. A. S. Mrs. D. "				
322	Sarah C. Atkinson,	W. Thos. Feb. 23, 1830,				
323	John Dunn,	April 11, "				
324	George Dunn,					
325	Mrs. Sarah Lynch,	Wid. Fran. S. to M. Dunn,				
326	Mrs. Charlotte Redmond,	Wife of T. B. R.				

327	Edwin James,	Rev. J.
328	Mrs. Ann Fisher,	Wid. Cap. John, July 1830
329	John B. Spotswood,	Licentiate,
330	John Donnan,	man.
331	Thomas Jones, Jun.	Son of John, July, 1830, St. Div. son Thos. Ches'ld
332	Mrs. Eliza G. Plumer,	Certif'ite, W. Rev. W. S. P.
333	Miss Louisa Boswell,	Daughter of Mrs. B.
334	Francis E. Hatcher,	
335	William Denham,	S. Rev. Den'm, N.Y. 1830
336	Susan Tofts,	Certificate, January, 1831
337	John Y. Russel,	S. Mrs. Ann, St. Div. "
338	Josiah H. D. Lownes,	S. A. W. L. May 5, "
339	John Baird,	S. Wm. B. (E) 14, "
340	Mary Baird,	Wife of John, "
341	Mary Hobson,	Wife of J. C. H. "
342	Robert McIlwaine,	June 2, "
343	Catharine Varnum,	Wife of J. B. V. "
344	Martha Ann Hamlin,	Niece Mrs. Boswell, "
345	Mary P. Russell,	D. of Mrs. Ann, "
346	Miss Jane Donnan,	D. of D. June 12, "
347	Miss Jane Banks,	D. of Thos. "

Dis. to Chesterfield.

Dis. May, 1831, P.G.

MEMBERS—Continued.

348	Mrs. Frances E. Woodward	W. of Richard,	“	Dis. 1832, Ch. Rich.
349	Miss Lucy Baugh,	June 16,	“	
350	Miss Susanna Russel,	D. Mrs. Ann, June 6, 1831		Dis. Prince George.
351	Miss Eliza Ann Denham,	Sister to Wm. D.	“	
352	Miss Mary Ann Leath,	“		
353	Mrs. Mary McBride,	Wid.	July 9, 1831,	
354	William Davidson,		“	
355	Miss Margaret Banks,	Daughter of Thomas,		
356	Miss Ellen Somervell,	July 16, 1831,		
357	Samuel D. Morton,	“		
358	Edward E. Archer,	Son of Mrs. A.	“	
359	Thomas Magee,		“	
360	Mrs. Lucy Ann Snelson,		“	
361	Miss Isabella Morgan,	D. of James, Aug. 1 31,		
362	Ann M. D. Cocke, [Reuflin]	S. Mrs. G. W. W. F. R.		
363	Virginia Cole Wilder,			
364	Elizabeth Shanks,	D. of Robert,	“	
365				

Rev. William S. Plumer.

Dis. May, 1832. P. G.
Dis. Feb. 1833.

386	Ashton Johnson,	October 1, 1831,	G. D. Mrs. Powell,
367	Mrs. Ann Johnson,	D. to John, Oct. 1, 1831,	D. of Edmund,
368	Miss Martha S. Prichard,	"	"
369	Ann Elizabeth Parrish,	"	"
370	Wm. F. R. Rusfin,	"	"
371	Charles P. James,	Certificate,	"
372	Step. Foreman, Cher. Ind.	Do. Stud. Divinity,	"
373	Miss Henrietta Batte,	D. of Mrs. Ann Eliza B.	"
374	Mrs. Lucy Boswell,	Wife of T. H. B.	"
375	Samuel R. Caldwell,	Dec. 1831,	"
376	John Emes,	"	"
377	John C. Hobson,	"	"
378	Elizabeth Ann Caldwell,	W. Saml. R. C. Jan. 1832,	"
379	William S. Morton,	Certificate, April 21,	"
380	William P. Buell,	Do. Stud. Div.	"
381	Christopher C. Preston,	Do. do. do.	"
382	Mrs. Mary P. Johnson,	Certificate, May, 1832,	"
383	Robert H. Talliaferro,	July 1, 1832,	"
384	Richard B. Williams,	July 28,	"
385	William H. Beasley,	S. Mrs. B. S. Mrs. Burton	"
386	Euphemia Martin Logan,	"	"

MEMBERS—*Continued.*

387	Maria Logan,				D. June, 1833.
388	Jane Logan,				
389	Mrs. Stainback,				
390					
391	Ann Black Logan,				
392	Lydia Robbins,				
393					
394	Thomas B. Walthall,				
395	William S. Thompson,				
396	Miss Mary Frances Davies, D.				
397	Mrs. Ann Elliott,				
398	Miss Sarah Swett,				
399	Miss Jane Holt Davies,				
400	Miss Julia F. Pollard,				
401	James M. Allen,				
402	David Douman,				Son of David, "
403	Mrs. Susanna P. gaud,				W. to J. V. P. "
404	Mrs. Susan Epps Nichols,				Wid. W. N. E. N. "

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405	Edgar A. M. Gray,	Nep. to Mary Ann, "	D. Feb. 1833.
406	William Charles Vans,	October, "	
407	Frances Williams,	S. Mrs. Caldwell,	
408	Wm. Alex. Williamson,		
409	Lewis Just Pagand,		
410	Mrs. Catherine Adoue,	Mother of Mrs. Rogers,	
411	Edward Marsh Topping,		
412	John Crawford,	A Revolutionary soldier, [about 90 years old.	
413	Joseph H. Burton,	Oct. 1833	
414	Abigail H. Vans,		
415	Mrs. Jane S. Lamb,	Wid.D. S. Mrs. Caldwell,	
416	Nancy G. D. Poythress,		
417	Signora B. Vaughan,		
418	Eliza Smith,	Oct. 1832	
419	Guinsey L. Dennison,	" "	
420	Mary G. Dennison,	" "	
421	Harriet Trewolla,	" "	
422	Elizabeth Geddy,	" "	
423	Mrs. Elizabeth E. Dudley,	" "	
424	Mrs. Martha Atkinson,	" "	
425	Samuel Winsfree,	January, 1833,	

MEMBERS—Continued.

426	Martha S. Bolling,	W. of Geo. W. B. Feb.
427	Henry B. Montague,	Certificate, do. do.
428	Mary Montague,	W. of H. B. do. do.
429	Ellen Perry,	Servt. of H. B. Feb. 1833.
430	Henry Henderson,	do. do.
431	Martha Bonner,	Widow, April, 1833.
432	Mary E. Head,	D. Abel, (E.) “
433	Magdalen Freeman,	W. of John, June, 1833.
434	Sarah Nash,	Widow of Paul. “

Rev. Wm. S. Plumer.

(Add with pen new members as received.)

FORM OF COVENANT

USED AT THE ADMISSION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNION OF THE CHURCH.

After introducing the subject in such way as he may think best, the Minister addresses himself to the candidates standing before him, as follows:

Do you believe in the only living and true God, infinitely excellent and glorious; and that there is a trinity of persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in this divine essence?

Do you believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you believe that you are sinners, and as such deserve the wrath of God forever?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners, the only Mediator between God and man?

Do you believe in the necessity of the renewing and sanctifying operations of the Holy Spirit; and that you must be holy in order to be happy?

Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead; and in a general judgment? Do you believe these things?

(Here the candidates bow assent.)

And, now, do you take this God the Father, to be your Father, the Son to be your Saviour, and the Holy Spirit to be your sanctifier; and to this glorious Trinity, one God, do you heartily and wholly give yourselves away, and all you have?

Do you receive these scriptures as the rule of your faith and practice?

Do you, as far as you know your own heart, unfeignedly repent of all your sins; and, especially your enmity to God, and your rejection of the Saviour so long; and do you now look and trust for salvation to the righteousness of Christ, received by faith in him?

Do you engage to walk with God in the ways of new obedience, and to strive after eminent attainments in christian knowledge, piety and usefulness? And in order to this, do you engage to be diligent in the use of the means of grace, such as reading the scriptures, prayer, self-examination, and attendance on the public worship and ordinances of God's house?

Do you promise subjection in the Lord to the constituted authority of the Church to which you belong, and to walk in brotherly love with its members?

And thus, through the grace of God strengthening you, you engage to act until death?

(Here again the candidates bow assent.)

The minister then says: In consequence of the professions which you have now made, and the engagements into which you have now entered, I do, in the name of the Lord Jesus, receive you to the communion of this Church, and give you a right to all its privileges.

This is followed by a suitable exhortation to the new members, and the congregation. The above form should be read by the communicants frequently, and with careful self-examination, particularly before every sacramental occasion.

NATURE OF THE COVENANT ENTERED INTO AT THE
BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

ADDRESSED TO PARENTS.

Baptism was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, to be a seal of the covenant of grace, and the ordinance of admission to a visible standing in his church; and in presenting your children for baptism, you do publicly give them away to God, and to his church, and you bind yourselves to bring them up accordingly. The water, in this ordinance implies guilt and pollution, and represents to us justification by the blood of Christ, and regeneration and sanctification by his spirit. But remember “*No outward forms can make you clean.*” The procuring the efficient, and the instrumental cause of sanctification, can be nothing else than the blood, the spirit and the word of Christ: and to him you must ever look for your own salvation, and for the salvation of your children. As soon as your children are capable of receiving instruction, it becomes your duty to have them taught to read God’s Holy Word; to instruct them in the principles of the Christian religion, of which there is an excellent summary in the Confession of Faith, and the Catechisms of our Church; to pray for them and with them; to set an example of piety and godliness before them; and, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

These duties, and whatever others you may discover from the word of God, to be binding on you, as Christian parents, you do promise and covenant, in the presence of God and his church, that you will endeavor to perform and do.

It is recommended to parents, who have offered children to God in baptism, frequently, and with careful self-examination, to peruse the above explanation of their baptismal engagement.

EXCERPTS.

“MY FIRST GREAT BUSINESS UPON EARTH IS THE SANCTIFICATION OF MY OWN SOUL.”—*Henry Martyn.*

“WHENEVER WE BECOME UNWATCHFUL, AND SELF-CONFIDENT, WE ARE NEAR SOME HUMILIATING FALL.”—*Dr. Scott.*

It is our duty to rest satisfied, that God has placed us in the situation best for us; and, instead of comparing its advantages and disadvantages with those of others; we should carefully inquire, what are the temptations to which I am most exposed? What facilities does my situation afford me for doing good? How can I turn my present circumstances to the best account?

Change of situation in this world, can only be change of duty and trial.

The great secret of being happy, is to keep the heart right.

My experience in the first years of affliction was comfort. My sins seemed laid asleep: and I thought the stroke that sundered me from the chief source of temporal enjoyment, had also stamped upon the world an impression of uncertainty and vanity and tastelessness which would never be effaced. But alas! I now feel my present duty, as well as experience, is—Conflict—to maintain that engagedness and fervor of spirit and fixedness of eye upon the things which are not seen and are eternal, which becomes me and which God requires.

A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU, THAT YE LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

TWELVE RULES,

FOR PROMOTING HARMONY AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS.

1. To remember that we are all subject to failings and infirmities, of one kind or another.—*Matt. 7: 1—5. Rom. 2: 21—23.*
2. To bear with and not magnify each other's infirmities.—*Gal. 6. 1.*
3. To pray one for another in our social meetings, and particularly in private.—*James, 5. 16.*
4. To avoid going from house to house, for the purpose of hearing news, and interfering with other people's business.—*Lev. 19. 16.*
5. Always to turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report, and to lay no charge brought against any person until well founded.—*Prov. 25. 23.*
6. If a member be in fault to tell him of it in *private*, before it is mentioned to others.—*Matt. 18: 15.*
7. To watch against shyness of each other, and put the best construction on any action that has the appearance of opposition or resentment.—*Prov. 10: 12.*
8. To observe the just rule of Solomon, that is, *to leave off contention before it be meddled with.*—*Prov. 17: 14.*
9. If a member has offended, to consider how glori-

ous, how God-like it is to forgive, and how unlike a Christian it is to revenge.—*Eph. 4: 2.*

10. To remember that it is always a grand artifice of the Devil, to promote distance and animosity among members of Churches, and we should, therefore, watch against every thing that *further*s his end.—*James, 3: 16.*
11. To consider how much more good we can do in the world at large, and in the Church in particular, when we are all united in love, than we could do when acting alone, and indulging a contrary spirit.—*John, 13: 35.*
12. Lastly, to consider the express injunction of Scripture, and the beautiful example of Christ, as to these important things.—*Eph. 4: 32.—1 Peter, 2: 21.—John, 13: 5. 35.*

QUESTIONS FOR SELF-EXAMINATION.

1. Do you sincerely desire to know and to do your duty, and how do you evince your sincerity?
2. Do you endeavor to keep the Sabbath? Do you regularly and seasonably attend on the public worship of the congregation? Do you endeavor to BE STILL: to be attentive; frequently to lift up your heart to God during the service; to sing with the spirit, and the understanding, making melody in your heart?
3. Are you always in your place at the Lord's table? Have all your children been baptized? How are you fulfilling your covenant engagements?
4. Do you daily worship God in your family?
5. Have you a Bible of your own? Do you daily

read it? How often have you read it through? Do you assent to every part that it is good?

6. Do you stately pray in private? Why do you pray? For what? What is the general character of your prayers?

7. What good book are you reading? What is your object? Have you thought of the influence of the press upon public morals? Do you support the *religious* press?

8. What are you doing to support and spread the Gospel? What is the state of religion in different parts of the world?

9. Do you speak evil of none? Do you suppress evil reports? Do you promote peace and friendly feelings in your neighborhood? Do you speak the truth? Do you keep your word? Do you pay your debts? Are you strictly honest? Do you relieve the poor? In all companies and places do you give and get all the benefit you can?

10. Do you pray for your brethren in the church? Do you rejoice in their spiritual and temporal welfare? Do you give and accept christian reproof? Do you wish to correct your faults?

11. What station do you hold in the family? How do you discharge the duties of your station?

12. Do you guard against pride, selfishness, covetousness, anger, moroseness, levity, discouragement? Against a contentious, censorious, unforgiving, discontented temper? Against improper companions, books, songs, sights, amusements? Against intemperance, idleness, impurity? Would fasting assist you in mortifying the flesh? How have you profited by afflictions? How do you bear prosperity?

13. What value do you put upon time? What is the great end of life? What is the great end of

your's? For what will any fellow-creature have reason to bless you in eternity? How would you, a hundred years hence, wish you had spent your present life?

14. Are you doing any thing, of the lawfulness of which you are not satisfied?

15. In conclusion; what evidence have you that you are a christian? Do you love all christians? Do you desire to requite evil with good? When you see others transgressing the divine law, does it give you pain? Are you more afraid of displeasing God than man? Would you rather suffer than sin? Does your sorrow for sin continue even after you hope you have been forgiven? Are you willing to have your sanctification promoted *by any means*?

16. How do you know that you are growing in grace? Do you feel more deeply your need of Christ? Do you confide in him? Have you more of a child-like spirit? Do you live near to God? Do you feel an increasing interest in the prosperity of his church? Do you find a growing thirst for divine truth? Have you a greater longing after holiness? Do you groan more painfully under the burden of indwelling sin? Is your devotion to God more fixed and entire? Are you conscious of an increasing willingness to sacrifice even the dearest things to his will?

A PRAYER,

FOR A CHURCH MEMBER AFTER READING THE FOREGOING
COVENANT AND QUESTIONS:

Most Holy and ever blessed God! With all humility and reverence would I approach thee, through

Jesus Christ. Compose and prepare my heart, that I may worship thee with acceptance and profit.

To thee I have devoted "myself a living sacrifice." I have chosen thee for my portion: and I have resolved in the strength of the Lord Jesus, that I would endeavor, henceforward, to keep all thy commandments. I thank thee for putting the resolution into my heart.

But alas! when I would search and try my ways, I find that in all things I come short. I am not filled with the *knowledge* of thy will; and often when I have known my duty, I did it not; or I did it not in a right manner, or from a right motive. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me *thoroughly* from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. Lord be gracious unto me: Lift up thy countenance upon me, and give peace.

Against my will, my sins prevail;
O Saviour! purge away their stain.

And now, for the time to come, I would go and sin *no more*. But my springs are in thee. Lord, teach me thy statutes, and enable me to keep them. Restraine and remove the evils of my heart, and influence me, by the most speedy and effectual means, to a life of holiness. Help me to remember that to glorify thee is the great end of my existence; that to save my soul from sin and hell is my most important business on earth; that to spend and be spent for Christ, is my highest duty, honor and privilege; and that I have no more time, no more health and strength, no more substance, influence or talents than are demanded for this service. Make it one of my daily

reflections that I have but one life to live; that my eternal destiny is taking its character from my present every day course of conduct, and that the destiny of many others may depend on mine. May I, therefore, be habitually solicitous that every day do its full part towards fitting me, and all, whom I can influence, for a holy heaven. Help me to lay aside every hindrance, whether it be in my business, my habits, my companions, or whatever else, and to labor for eternity with my *whole might*.

And in order to this, do thou daily increase my faith, elevate my affections, and excite my desires after christian knowledge, holiness, and usefulness, until I shall have finished my work in thy vineyard, and am myself prepared unto glory, and presented, faultless, in thy presence.

SPIRITUAL ATTAINMENTS.

BE YE HOLY.

The demand for high attainments in personal holiness, on the part of individual Christians, is at this day enforced—

1. By increasing opportunities for enjoying and improving the means of grace.
2. By increased facilities for *extending* individual influence.
3. By the pressing and constantly accumulating claims for christian self-denial and zeal.
4. By the continued effusions of the Holy Spirit, and the certain and glorious effects which follow enlightened and holy effort.
5. By the providential dealings of God, the signs of the times, and the eventful crisis in the affairs of the church and the world.

What a *privilege* to live and act for God and for Zion, at such a period.—*II. Peter, ch. iii.*

N O T E S .

1. It is a rule of the session of Petersburg, that Presbyterians from other churches, on removing into our bounds, may commune with us for one year; but, that after the expiration of the year, they must either produce a certificate from the church to which they have belonged, and connect themselves with this church, or give to the pastor or session a reason why they do not.
2. Members removing within the bounds of other churches, ought to procure certificates of dismission, and connect themselves with the church within the bounds of which they reside. The neglect of this duty deranges the order of Christ's house; is sometimes greatly injurious to the members so acting; and almost always prevents the church, into whose neighborhood they have gone, from enjoying the full benefit of their influence, counsel and support.
3. Members dismissed, are always considered under the watch, and subject to the discipline of the church dismissing them, until they are actually received by the church to which they are dismissed. See Confession of Faith, under the head of Discipline, chap. 10, sec. 1.
4. "No certificate of church membership shall be considered valid testimony of the good standing of the bearer, if it be more than one year old, except where there has been no opportunity of presenting it to a church." See Discipline, chap. ii, sec. 2.

5. Children should, ordinarily, be baptized in the congregation to which they belong. When they are not, the parents should carry a certificate of their

baptism to their own pastor or session, that the proper record may be made in the church book.

6. Good order requires that candidates for church membership should offer themselves to the session of their own church, and not to a session at a distance. When, however, for any special reason, they have been admitted to the communion of a church, which is not properly their own, they should immediately carry a certificate of the fact to their own session, and have their names recorded at home.

7. The Lord's Supper is administered on the first Sabbath in *January, March, May, July, September* and *November*. The services commence at eleven o'clock. Sermon on the Saturday preceding, at four o'clock, P. M.

8. Public worship throughout the year commences at eleven o'clock, A. M.

9. Petersburg Bible Society—A. S. HOLDERBY, *Treasurer*, and H. DUGGER, *Depositary*.

10. Female Bible Society—Mrs. THRIFT, *1st Directress*, and Mrs. (wife of Rev.) MASON, *Treasurer*.

11. Southern Sunday School Effort—E. JAMES, *Treasurer*.

12. Petersburg Sunday School Union—J. E. LEMOINE, *Treasurer*, and J. C. SWAN, *Depositary*.

13. The First Sunday School Association of Petersburg—E. JAMES, *Treasurer*.

14. Young Men's Missionary Society—A. G. McILWAINE, *Treasurer*.

15. Married Ladies' Missionary Society—Mrs. E. G. PLUMER, *Treasurer*.

16. Young Ladies' Missionary Society—Miss E. H. ALLINSON, *Treasurer*.

17. Petersburg Tract Society—ABEL HEAD, *Depositary* and *Treasurer*.

18. Tract Distribution Society—**Mrs. PHEBE HEID, Treasurer.**

19. House of Industry—**A. S. HOLDERBY, Treasurer, and E. G. PLUMER, 1st Directress.**

20. Dorcas Society—**Mrs. HOLDERBY, Treasurer.**

21. Orphans' Asylum—**Wm. HAXALL, Treasurer.**

22. Education Society—**Mrs. S. C. BOTT, Directress.**

23. Subscription to Union Theological Seminary: **HUGH NELSON, Local Agent.**

24. Subscription to General Assembly's Board of Education, obtained by Mr. Chester: **HUGH NELSON, Local Agent.**

25. Petersburg Temperance Society: Constitution, &c., kept by **D'ARCY PAUL, Secretary.**

26. COLLECTION, the 1st Sabbath of every month, for Contingent Fund of the Congregation.

27. COLLECTION, on the Sabbath nearest the Fourth of July, for Colonization Society.

28. Monthly Concert of Prayer, for the Conversion of the World, observed regularly in the Church, and Collections raised for Missions.

29. JOHN E. LEMOINE, *Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Church.*

30. HUGH NELSON, *Clerk of Session.*

HYMN.

Am I a soldier of the cross;
 A follower of the Lamb,
 And shall I fear to own his cause,
 Or blush to speak his name?

Shall I be carried to the skies,
 On flowery beds of ease,

While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face,
Must I not stem the flood;
Is this vain world a friend to grace,
To help us on to God?

Sure I must fight, if I would reign;
Increase my courage, Lord,
To bear the cross, endure the shame,
Supported by thy word.

The saints, in all this glorious war,
Shall conquer, though they die;
They see the triumph from afar,
With faith's discerning eye.

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